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Coronavirus and Severe Weather

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Jasper County Emergency Services continues its diligent work in response to COVID-19 and maintaining our daily contacts with our partner agencies.

As of today, The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reports 3553 citizens infected throughout the state, resulting in 93 deaths. Twelve cases are within Jasper County. South Carolina officials are still estimating the numbers in South Carolina to peak between the end of April and beginning of May. We encourage our citizens and visitors to continue practicing social distancing and continue following CDC guidelines.

We remain under a Local State of Emergency. All Local government offices, including the County Courthouse and Probate Judge remain closed to the public. Business with your County Department staff can still be conducted through the telephone, email, or website. If you have any questions about County Department operations, please contact them by phone regarding their status. All Department contact information is located on the County's website www.JasperCountySC.gov.

The April 6th Jasper County Council meeting is available for viewing on the County YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA. You can also "like" Jasper County Government, SC on Facebook for updates.

Individuals qualifying for WIC services are no longer required to visit the office in person. All services will be provided through remote services. New WIC Applicants can apply by phone at 1-855-472-3432 or <https://scdhec.gov/health/wic-nutrition-program>.

Businesses that are still open are reminded of the state mandate to limit persons in the business to 5 per 1,000sq ft. Also, as a reminder, please take the following steps:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, at least every hour
- Disinfect commonly touched areas frequently, and we recommend to clean doorknobs, registers, counters, credit card machines even at the gas pumps every hour
- Avoid contact with others, and we encourage customer use credit card machines to limit employee exposure. Please ensure that these machines are disinfected often
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Consider restricting the number of persons in the business at a time
- Keep windows and doors open as much as possible versus using HVAC systems

Yesterday significant storms impacted the local area. Jasper County experienced down trees, significant wind, and heavy rain; but no injuries were reported. Jasper County deployed multiple resources to assist Hampton County. Residents who've experienced storm damage to their property should report it using the Damage Assessment tool in the

SC Emergency Manager mobile app or by calling the Jasper County Assessors Office at 843-717-3620. Information on the app can be found at www.SCEMD.org or in the Apple or Google Play App Store.

Governor McMaster's most recent Executive Orders:

<https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/2020-04-12%20eFILED%20Executive%20Order%20No.%202020-23%20-%20Third%20State%20of%20Emergency%20Due%20to%20COVID-19%20Pandemic.pdf>

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